Multi model transport project for Hyderabad and Secunderabad

745. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of the proposed multi-model transport project for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) the Railways' share in the project; and

(c) the target for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: (a) to (c) No specific costs have been worked out so far. To ascertain the costs involved, a study has been sanctioned, which is likely to-be completed in the current year *i.e.* 2000-01. Execution of the project will depend on outcome of study and cost sharing arrangement, which is under discussion with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Joint venture for Hyderabad Metro Project

746. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposed to undertake a Joint venture with the Andhra Pradesh Government for Hyderabad Metro Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when would tenders be invited for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: (a) to (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh have proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Railways for developing Multimodel Urban Transport System for twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The draft MoU is still under discussion and finalisation.